

## CURRENT PARAGRAPHS.

The San Francisco Alta says that, from causes not easily explained, California, and perhaps San Francisco in particular, furnishes more cases of paralysis than does any other section of the country, if not of the world.

A WOMAN in the Johnson county, Iowa, poor-house has given birth to nine children during her stay there, and the distressed authorities have been compelled to exile her from the society of the institution.

Not far from Salzburg, Austria, is a great mountain which consists of nothing but beautiful marble. The stone-masons cut out blocks and columns of it, take them to the great city, and build palaces of them, while the chips are used to make playing marbles for the young folks.

The use of chloroform in dentistry is said by the Medical Record to be always dangerous. "No surgeon," says the writer, cares to assume the responsibility of giving chloroform unless he knows that the stomach of the patient is empty, that the circulatory apparatus is in good condition, and the lungs free from disease. A previous inquiry into these conditions is as much a part of the administration of any anesthetic as is the placing of the napkin to the nose."

JOURNALISM and letters are steadily looking up in the old world. One "gentleman of the press," now a nobleman of politics, Disraeli, rules England as Earl of Beaconsfield and Premier. Another "gentleman of the press," Jules Simon, political editor of the *Siecle*, has been made prime minister of France; and even in Germany the "prince of blood and iron" has confessed the power of pens and ink by promoting his right hand in the press. Lothar Bucher, to the rank of a "genuine excellency," and by calling up another journalist of mark to be under-secretary of state and chief of the finances of the empire.

Blue glass has gone up. The "treatment" whereof it is an auxiliary has not yet gone up, but is in its tentative period. Crystal of all celluloid shades has risen three hundred per cent. There may be something in the claims made for it, and then, again, there mayn't be. The fierceness of the blue-glass campaign recalls to cautious observers the tulip rage, the *morbus multiculis* fever, the eucalyptus insanity, and various other emotional fashions that have swept across the land from time to time. The claims made for the blue glass are extravagant. It is not likely they will all be realized. A very profitable and sensible thing would be to wait a while and see. It is possible that a good deal of second-hand glass will be for sale cheap after a few weeks.

## MISERIES OF MARRIED ACTRESSES.

The London correspondent of the New York Times says: "No woman, it would seem, have better chances of marriage than successful actresses; no women, as a rule, are more unfortunate in their matrimonial alliances. Miss Amy Fawcett, who died recently in New York, though never in any sense a great actress, achieved a popularity at the Vaudeville which, accompanied with good and womanly conduct, brought her several offers of marriage of which any respectable girl might have been proud. She made the usual mistake of her class, and married a man of small station, the son of too many who achieve sudden success. She refers to the part offered to her in 'Our Boys,' which has now been running some six hundred and seven hundred nights. Then came disappointment upon disappointment, and matrimonial misery. One night she arrived at the court theater bruised and excited. She said she had fallen down, but presently she vowed she had not gone upon the stage because her husband had sworn he would shoot her from the pit, and she detected him sitting there in the very spot which he had warned her he would select, and she knew he carried a weapon. Was it surprising that eventually she had to relinquish her engagement at the court on account of seven nervous attacks? Is it surprising that she found it impossible to renew the vigor and charm of her youth in New York, and that she died a sad and lonely woman? Miss Nellie Power, of the Vaudeville theater, is another young lady who, at the height of her somewhat fictitious success, married what is called a 'swell,' and retired magnificently from the stage, to return it for a livelihood, bearing the tainted name of a schemer and an adventurer. I could give you half a dozen other examples and in each case the lady who has won her position in the profession has turned her back upon it to marry into what she considered a higher social grade, but only to discover that in the end she had not only to keep her 'swell,' but to submit to all kinds of miseries and degradation."

## APPLICATIONS OF THE IMPROVED GLASS.

An article in the English *Mechanic* expresses entire confidence in the adaptability of the improved French glass introduced, for a vast number of industrial and domestic purposes, and that its superiority in this direction, over every other description of the material, is unquestionable. It is, of course, chiefly in the application of glass to uses for which, but for its brittleness, it would be very serviceable that this wonderfully tempered article will exhibit its greatest value. Thus it is found peculiarly serviceable in the manufacture of cups and saucers, plates and dishes, and, in fact, for all kinds of similar wares—these may, indeed, be violently thrown across a room without breaking.

In the manufacture of alcohol and alcoholic liquors, too, especially beer, the tempered glass will find an extensive field for employment, while, in the production of acids and various other chemicals, it offers advantages which will be readily seized. Not less important is the attainment of glass chimneys, which will not fracture even when directly touched by the flame, and, as an ordinary sized pane, only one-eighth inch thick, will bear a man's weight, the improved glass is likely to be universally substituted for the thick and not very transparent material at present used as pavement lights for underground rooms. As is well known, however, this glass cannot be cut into size like ordinary kinds. A diamond merely scratches it, and the fracture is no longer clean, like that of common glass—the two kinds, in a word, resemble one another only in appearance and in chemical composition.

The colored American jubilee singers earned \$40,000 by their concerts in England last year.

## THE HICKMAN COURIER.

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## SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—*Senate.*—No business transacted up to noon. The senate was awaiting word from the house that it was ready to receive the joint session to continue the count. At 2:20 the clerk of the house appeared at the bar of the senate and announced the decision of the house that the counting should be suspended until the president of the electoral commission, and also notified the senate that the house was now ready to meet the senate in joint meeting. The house, however, did not call the session to order, and the president of the house, *House*,—Mr. Field offered the following: "Ordered that the counting of the electoral vote from Florida shall not proceed in conformity with the decision of the electoral commission, but that the votes of Call, Yonge, Hilton, and Bullock be counted as votes from the state of Florida" for president and the insane at Danvers that will cost upward of \$2,000,000.

Massachusetts is building an asylum for the insane at Danvers that will cost upward of \$2,000,000.

Columbus, Ga., has received 67,556 bales of cotton this year, or 21,805 more than the year before.

After a reporter has served the London Times for forty years, he can retire on a pension.

Australia had in 1874 a population of 2,233,000 in an area of 8,116,042 square miles.

During the last decade the city of Boston has built an average of fifteen public buildings a year, and is now receiving an annual rental of \$134,000.

The cotton manufacturers of the world are engaged in the counting of the electoral votes from the state of Florida, and the result of the election of the president and vice-president of the United States.

Mr. Tilden's amendment was rejected by the house, and the report of the commission was adopted.

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## AGRICULTURAL

### ANALYSIS OF THE DIAMOND.

*Value of Land in the Cotton States.*  
G. W. Howard, of Kingston (Ga.), has an instructive paper in the report of the agricultural department for 1874 (just received), on "The Condition of Agriculture in the cotton states," in which he says: "The value of land in the settled portion of the older cotton states is less than in any other country in Christendom. This was the case before the war. In 1860 the average value of land in Georgia was \$4.85. The highest value of the richest county was \$10.60 per acre. If we contrast these values with those of the northern, middle or new northwestern states, the difference is striking."

Low as the price of southern lands was before the war, in 1860, it is much less at this time. Having, to-day, the cheapest lands in christendom, as Mr. Howard truly asserts, we ought to produce fat cattle, horses, sheep, wool, butter, cheese, and all fruits adapted to our climate, a little cheaper than can be done in any other part of the world. Is it impossible to recast our ideas and reform our system of land holding?

### Summer Fallowing.

In his work *of the Law of Husbandry*, Baron Liebig says: "When the exhaustion of a field is not caused by the absolute deficiency of food elements, when even more than an adequate supply of all the nutritive elements is there, but not in the proper form, and where, consequently, falling, when again render the crop remunerative, the farmer has means at his disposal to assist the action of the natural agencies, whereby the conversion of the food into the state of physical combination is effected, and thus to shorten the fallowing season, or even, in many instances, to make it altogether superfluous."

Summer fallowing has many advantages in the way of killing weeds, foul grasses, briars and bushes, in addition to the economical development of fertility by physical and chemical forces not otherwise available. In agriculture, as in other industries, it is generally better to do one thing at a time and do it well than to do two things and fail to do either by divided energy and attention. Following.

### Fertility Maturity.

A correspondent of the *Country Gentleman* closes a sensible article under the heading in these words:

Our domestic animals are much more liable to disease than formerly, and it is reasonably certain that high living is the cause. A fast life produces the same effect on the domestic animal in the barnyard as on men and women. Warm, stimulating food forces an early maturity which is not compatible with prolificacy and longevity. Is it not possible that the unusual mortality among hogs during the past few years is owing to the habits induced by high feeding for a number of generations before? The breeders of almost every kind of improved stock suffer the heaviest losses from disease and from the barrenness of many of their otherwise choicest specimens. It is no denial of the numerous advantages of thoroughbred animals to state these facts, which enthusiastic amateurs are most apt to overlook.

Not many weeks since we called public attention to the losses resulting from the folly of over-breeding among animals. An excess of fat is a disease not less than a deficiency of bone material, often causing rickets in badly fed children, or a deficiency of brain elements in man and beast. Unwise eating and drinking in the human species, and the defective feeding of domestic animals, are evils of great magnitude. A writer in the *Farmer's World* estimates the loss to the farmers of Missouri in 1875 at ten million dollars from hog cholera alone. Has over-breeding, forcing early maturity, and too early breeding anything to do with developing this heavy loss? What by new agency are the germs of this malady so widely diffused? What is the contact?

### Cheese Making.

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### HOW POMPEII WAS DESTROYED.

As illustrating one phase of Roman life in the first century of our era nothing is so significant as the narrative of the younger Pliny. The sublime indifference of the Roman youth to the marvelous phenomena which his uncle, the naturalist, set out from Misenum to observe, and the ignorance on the part of the latter of the noxious gases which caused his death, stand in marked contrast with the careful observations of volcanic phenomena made by a lady of Boston, of special scientific tastes or training, who chanced to be an eye-witness of the eruption of Vesuvius in 1872, an eruption whose various phases have thrown much new light upon the way in which Pompeii was overwhelmed.

The cover of the water and the comfort of the cow during the warm weather do not receive sufficient attention. A large share of the cheese manufactured during the hot weather last summer was out of flavor.

Cattle do not have sufficient protection from the hot rays of the sun. The heat makes them thirsty but if the water is not convenient they suffer and the milk suffers. The man makes a bad quality of cheese, and is not the fault of the manufacturer.

If the water is bad the effect upon the milk is great. I have been able to tell from the cheese whether the cow had plenty or good quality of water. These

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## THE HICKMAN COURIER

FRIDAY, :: MARCH 2, 1877.

Advertisers must send their copy to us by 8 a.m. on Sunday morning to insure their appearance in Friday's paper.

### JOB WORK.

The Courier Office is now thoroughly furnished with new Job Type; also, a full supply of LETTER, NOTE and BILL-HEAD PAPER, CARDS, &c., and can do work in the neatest style and at city prices.

**WANTED** — We want the local news of your vicinity, such as births, marriages, deaths, improvements, state of crops, etc. If your neighbor has a large hog or a fine cow, or a good crop of cotton or corn, let us know it.

**Local News.** — Dime papers supersede pound papers, for charity, in Hickman.

Why does the Hickman Store do such a rushing business? Because they advertise in the Hickman Courier.

A large portion of Dexter, Mo., was destroyed by fire, last Tuesday—some seven or eight business houses.

Sheriff Walker will leave Monday, for Frankfort, with four prisoners, for the penitentiary.

Call and see Bob Davis—he sells goods cheaper than Jake.

The steamer Belle of St. Louis has been raised for repairs, and will re-enter the Memphis trade in the spring.

Keep money moving if you want to make things easy. Pay as far as it will go. Money is useful only as it is used.

"Jake," is unlikely by all in Union City. Why? Because he sells Dry Goods so cheap.

The prospect in this county for good crops are now very flattering, the ground being in a fine condition for till ing.

Some who patronize up river men factors to the exclusion of home males, ought to send up the river for customers in their lines.

We now have it again that the Rail road Company is to build an elevator at Hickman. We shall believe more of it when we see it under construction.

Gardening will soon be in order, and many of our citizens have already commenced preparations therfor by burning weeds and cleaning up their "truck patch."

The Hickman Store, at Union City, is a large and busy building—but we are examining it full of Spring Stock of Dry Goods—Cheap for Cash.

Geo. Bishop, col., tried for hog stealing and alighted 8 years in the penitentiary, was granted a new trial by Judge Robertson, the ground that the punishment was excessive.

The residences of Rev. J. J. Smith and Mr. M. M. Davis, at Hickman, Ballard county, were destroyed by fire Wednesday night, 14th inst. It is not known how the fire originated. Loss about \$1,000.

The Directors of the Fulton County A. & M. Association meet to-morrow, to prepare for the Fair this fall. There are a few more stockholders needed, and we trust this enterprising public will look to this matter. Business of importance to be transacted.

Rumor has it, that an enterprising company of German mechanics are organizing to start a steam furniture factory, in the Amberg machinery building, to be headed by J. Amberg. The latter name is a guarantee of ample capital, and we only hope the rumor may be correct.

We learn from the Clinton Democrat that the residence of Rev. A. J. Hess, near Columbus, Ky., was consumed by fire, together with the entire contents, on Sunday morning, 10th ult. Mrs. Hess was considerably burned in attempting to save some articles of clothing.

Pettengill says that the first "returning board" of which he has any record was a sledge in the hands of his father. The "three—father, son, and sledge"—used to hold frequent committee meetings in the back shop, but the returns came in so swiftly that a fair court was impracticable.

The Grange organizations in the upper part of the county are receiving new life, that is to say, the weather growing more auspicious, meetings are more frequent and regular. The experiment of a grange store and commission house, at Fulton, is said will yield a very handsome dividend in the way of saving to the stockholders.

The prospect is more encouraging for the Mississippi bottom farmers, than it has been for ten years. No trouble from water so far, and no present danger apprehended. If this thing continues, the bottom farmers will have more money than they know what to do with this fall.

Friends, who have been travelling through the back country, report that farmers generally are preparing for work with more vim and energy than any year for the past ten. The hard times have pressed so heavily and so long, that they have determined to conquer success and prosperity. So may it be. The whole country languishes when the plow is idle.

"Inducements to trade," is a trait which every merchant should study daily. Why do Hickman merchants go beyond Nashville to Louisville, and beyond Louisville to Cincinnati, and beyond Cincinnati to New York, and the Eastern cities, to buy goods? Why, because the one place offers "inducements" over the other. The same rule is applicable to home trade. If Hickman would extend trade over and beyond smaller trade points and towns, why "inducements" in the shape of price, style, quality, or something else, must be offered to justify and tempt citizens to leave convenient home markets.

Two years ago, the enterprise of building a levee from Hickman to the highlands of Madrid Bend, was suspended, because of the general hard times. Everything coming favorable, the President and Directors of the company, will renew this work this summer and fall. The Government engineers now engaged in surveying the Mississippi, will be able to give us valuable assistance. Besides, the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway Company is giving evidence of being alive to this enterprise. Capt. Tyler, the President of the Levee Company, can command eminent leisure, in the interim of his Senate term, and we hope the public will encourage him to the right place, if anything can be done.

**DESIROUS OF**

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FRIDAY, : : : MARCH 2, 1877

It was a foolish notion that every Justice of the Supreme Court was held.

TILDEN received one million majorities of the white voters of this country. Hayes is declared elected by one majority of the electoral tribunal.

The Republicans can't claim to have elected Hayes. They don't talk about his majority; but they say he has been "counted in." What a platform for future campaigns?

The Democratic party has been outvoted, but the rascality performed by the radical party will insure the success of the Democracy in the next Presidential struggle.

It was *Frank's* notion that Grant would be the last President elected by the people. Prophets are seldom honored until after their death.

TILDEN has published a letter demanding Congressional investigation into the campaign expenditures of both parties, and scorning the compunctions.

PRESIDENT GRANT has accepted an invitation to go to Europe on one of the American lines of steamers flying from Philadelphia. He expects to leave this country about the middle of April.

CHAS. O'CONNOR, one of the ablest of American lawyers, says that he does not believe that any man on the face of the earth capable of blushing "can look an honest man in the face and assert that the Hayes electors were truly elected in Florida."

There have been several Presidents who represented a minority of the voters of the United States, but returning Tilden will be the first occupant of the White House who received neither a majority of the popular vote nor a majority of the electoral vote.

The Democratic party has grown from a hopeless minority in 1868, to a majority of the qualified voters of over a half million in 1876. If it increases in the same ratio, what will be our majority in 1880. Time servers, tremble!

The Democratic members of the Presidential Commission voted unanimously not to count Cronin's vote, the Oregon democrat. This shows they were capable of rising above their party bias. The Republican members voted straight party votes every whack.

The Southern states have 138 electoral votes, which needs only 47 Northern votes to carry the Presidency at any election. The South holds the balance of power. Hayes will think of this every day of his administration.

The fact that two Massachusetts Republicans members of the House, Messrs. Seelye and Pierce, felt unable to take the debate and vote on the Louisana case to sustain their party, or the decision of the Electoral Commission in favor of the Hayes electors, is de serving of notice.

Packard to the rear. Whether Hayes or Tilden are Presi dent the Southern states have put an end to carpet-baggers and carpet government. That is, after all, of more vital interest to them than the Presidency. Local self-government is a sine qua non to local prosperity. The following from the Cincinnati Enquirer contains gratifying intelligence as for shadowing Mr. Hayes southern policy:

The next ending topic of devilment the Louisiana middle, was again to day the subject of contention at administration headquarters. Klug and his retinues made another desperate effort to secure recognition for Packard, and were at the steps of the executive office by two delegations—one composed of Louisiana Democrats and another of colored friends of the Republicans, who are among the most friends of Hayes. These two delegations joined in a request that Packard be not recognized. The Democratic delegation made the usual argument that the people would pay taxes and recognize the authority of the Nicholls government. They would, however, submit to the Packard government unless literally forced to do it by the bayonet. The Republican delegation represented that Hayes did not wish to shoulder and carry for four years a helpless State Government, which would be to his administration what the K.-log government has been to Grant's—dead weight; that it would be Hayes' policy to recognize the Southern governments which were recognized by the people themselves, and that no one knew what the minister had in view.

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